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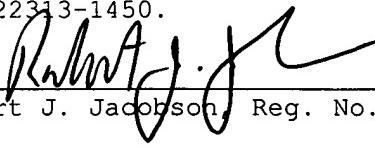
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- a) CN 1407260 A (partial translation, Document C, two pages).

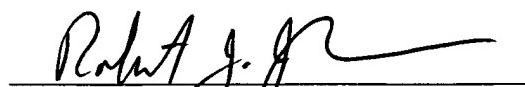
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